

Holomua Goal

The goal is to effectively manage Hawai'i's nearshore marine resources through holistic strategies and partnerships centered on community priorities, cultural practices, and local knowledge.

Navigation Team Purpose

Develop management recommendations for Hawai'i Island's nearshore resources based on local knowledge, community priorities, and available data.

The Navigation Team will build off the community priorities identified in phase one at the Talk Story sessions, develop recommendations during phase two and share these recommendations back to the community for input in phase three. DAR will convene public scoping sessions and initiate rulemaking for adoption and implementation, once the proposal is finalized.

DAR's Commitment

The Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) is committed to supporting the Navigation Team throughout the planning process:

- Logistical Coordination:** Organizing meetings, venues, and refreshments
- Facilitation and Documentation:** Leading discussions, recording notes, and providing timely info
- Expertise and Resources:** Engaging subject matter experts
- Communications and Outreach:** Supporting community outreach, participation and feedback

Through these efforts, DAR aims to create an efficient, well-supported process aligned with local priorities

Building the Hawai'i Island Navigation Team

I ola nā kai o Hawai'i
i ka nui i'a

So the waters of Hawai'i
thrive with abundance

Navigating Holomua



 **Holomua**
Marine Initiative



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Example Team Member Qualifications*

Community Leadership and Connectivity

- Strong, respected community members with a wide network who can serve as a trusted representative and reliable bridge between the community and the Navigation Team

Deep Local Roots and Cultural Expertise

- Long-term Hawai'i Island resident with knowledge of place and nearshore resources
- Engaged with aquatic resources and/or marine activities and interested in aquatic resource management
- Knowledgeable in Native Hawaiian and local kama'āina culture and practices

Collaborative Problem-Solving and Communication

- Collaborative, flexible, and open-minded
- Able to constructively contribute to complex, solution-oriented discussions that balance diverse local, regional, and island-wide perspectives
- Able to communicate in English and familiar with terms in 'ōlelo Hawai'i and pidgin

Commitments & Expectations

Long-term Commitment

- Attend meetings for 18-24 months
- Commit to full, well-prepared participation in meetings and conversations to generate recommendations for the aquatic resources management plan
- Engage in a respectful manner

Public Advocacy and Representation

- Stand with the Navigation Team and present the Navigation Team's draft proposal with the larger public before it is finalized

Community Liaison and Feedback Exchange

- Regularly share the Navigation Team's work widely within their community network, seeking feedback
- Bring the community's perspectives, ideas, and feedback to the Navigation Team's meetings to improve the management proposal

Example Composition* of Navigation Team

Lived and Professional Expertise

- Collective representation across various resource groups, emphasizing combined expertise across gear types, harvesting practices and other aquatic activities
- Watershed management/restoration expertise
- Formal or informal educator

Island-Wide Representation

- Balanced geographical representation with at least one representative from each moku
- Long-term residents (at least 20 years)

Multi-generational and Cultural Continuity

- Cultural connections and knowledge
- Kūpuna with generational knowledge
- Younger generation
- Kānaka maoli
- Individuals raised on Hawai'i Island

* Actual qualifications and composition will be determined by the Hawai'i island community at the Talk Story sessions